

The Sixteenth Annual Session
of
New Hope Association
of
United Baptists



Held with Little Rock Church,
Myrtle, Floyd County, Ky.
August 23, 24, 25, 1935

Elder S. W. Craft, Moderator
Elder A. J. Wright, Asst. Mod.
Elder A. L. Stephens, Clerk
Elder J. J. Smith, Asst. Clerk

FRIDAY MORNING

Services introduced by Elder Alex Stephens and prayer by Elder R. D. Holbrook, after which came Elder Frank McGuire, who preached the introductory sermon from Rev. 12: 1—"And there appeared a great wonder in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun and the moon under her feet and upon her head a crown of twelve stars."

After which delegates from sister churches composing New Hope Association, assembled at the Little Rock school house and transacted the following business: a short exhortation by Elder A. J. Stephens and prayer by Elder A. J. Stephens, after which Rules of Decorum were read by Elder Alex Stephens, the Clerk, and a strict compliance to same was admonished by Elder B. W. Craft, Moderator.

Officers were appointed to keep order while the Association is in session, to-wit: Stevie Holbrook, D. S. James, Prater.

Brothers Grant May, D. Pucket and A. G. Holbrook were appointed to see that the stand be occupied by ministers of our faith and order while the Association is in session, who preached a perseverance of the saints to Glory.

Letters from sister churches composing New Hope Association called for and re-

ceived as follows: Sweet Home, Elder Alex Stephens, Brother Leeander Miller, Brother Charley Ousley, were delegates; Sugar Loaf, Elder Lon Childers, Brother Jim McSerley and Elder A. J. Wright, were delegates; Little Union, Elder J. J. Smith, Elder F. F. Smith and Brother Ernest Ward were delegates; New Hope, Elder B. W. Craft, Brother Richard Wills and Elder Wm. Hall were delegates; East Point, Elder J. D. Music, Brother G. W. Price and Brother Jack Baldrige were delegates; Chestnut Grove, Brother Green Holbrook, Brother Milt Holbrook and Brother Wash Miller were delegates; Little Rock, Elder R. D. Holbrook, Brother James Short and Elder Harris Hackworth were delegates; Prestonsburg, Elder Frank McGuire and Elder A. J. Stephens were delegates. By move and second, above letters read and received and the delegates seated as New Hope Association of United Baptists.

By voice of present delegates, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Elder B. W. Craft, Moderator; Elder A. J. Wright, Assistant Moderator; Elder Alex Stephens, Clerk, and Elder J. J. Smith, Assistant Clerk.

Called for new churches and received none.

Called for correspondent letters from

correspondent Associations and received as follows: Paint Union, by the hands of Elder Frank Armes. Letter read and messenger seated by Moderator giving right hand of fellowship. Iron Hill, by the hands of Elder Alonzo Wright, Elder J. A. Hugs and Elder J. D. Surgel. Letter received and messenger seated by Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship. Mt. Zion, not represented. Olive, by the hands of Elder Wm. Cook, Elder S. S. Owens and Elder C. C. Clark. Letter read and received and messengers seated by Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship. Blaine Union, not represented. Zion, by the hands of Elder Mose Dutton, and Elder Winford Meek. Letter read and received and messenger seated by Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship. Bethlehem, not represented.

Moved to seat transient ministers of our faith and order in our advisory council, to-wit, Elder J. H. Conley and Elder Fearnen Blair.

Moved to publish Elder Neroe Whitaker and the credentials that he holds out of order for joining the faction of A. E. McCoy, S. G. Rice and Johnnie King.

The following brethren were appointed to write correspondent letters to the correspondent Associations: Brother Jim McSerley to Paint Union; Elder Wm. Hall

to Zion; Elder Frank McGuire to Olive; Elder A. J. Wright to Mt. Zion; Brother Richard Wills to Blaine Union; Brother James Short to Iron Hill and Elder Lon Childers to Bethlehem.

Committee for the Bill of Arrangements for tomorrow were named as follows: Elder Wm. Hall, Elder Lon Childers and Elder F. F. Smith, together with the Moderator and Clerk.

Moved to adjourn until 9:00 a. m. tomorrow, it being Saturday.

SATURDAY MORNING

At 9:00 a. m. the delegates met the congregation and the brothers and sisters of New Hope Association and correspondent delegates from our sister Associations at Little Rock school house. After singing Zion's songs and a short exhortation by Elder F. F. Smith, there was an old-time Baptist hand-shake and prayer by Elder F. F. Smith.

Roll call and quorum present. Bill of Arrangement read and received and committee discharged by move and second.

Letters to the correspondent Associations read and received and messengers appointed to bear same, to-wit: Paint Union, Elder Alex Stephens, Elder J. J. Smith and Brother Wm. Shepherd, when convened with Beaver Valley Church, Pike

county, Ohio, commencing on Friday before the third Saturday in Sept., 1935, and the two following days; Mt. Zion letter prepared to same and by move and second Elder T. J. Smith is to send it by mail to same, commencing on Friday before the first Saturday in Sept., 1935, and the two following days; Olive, Elder Alex Stephens, Elder A. J. Stephens and Elder Frank McGuire, when convened with Cow Pen Church, Pike county, Kentucky, commencing on Friday before the third Saturday in August, 1935, and the two following days; Zion, Elder A. J. Wright, Elder J. D. Music and Brother G. W. Price, when convened with Bethel Church, Martin county, Ky., commencing on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1935, and the two following days; Blaine Union, Elder B. W. Craft, Elder F. F. Smith and Elder Frank McGuire, when convened with Canes Creek Church, Lawrence county, Ky., commencing on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 1935, and two following days; Iron Hill, Elder Wm. Hall, Elder Alex Stephens and Elder Lon Childers, when convened with Sand Gap Church, Greenup county, Ky., commencing on Friday before the second Saturday in September and two following days; Beth'ehem, Elder Harris Hackworth, Brother Jim McSurley and Brother Rich-

ard Willis, when convened with Mud Fork Church, Logan county, W. Va., commencing on Friday before the first Sunday in Sept., 1935, and the two following days.

Our next conference meeting will be held with the Little Union Church, Garrett, Floyd county, Ky., commencing on Friday before the first Saturday in July, 1936, and the two following days, and Elder Wm. Hall, Elder J. D. Music and Elder B. W. Craft shall attend same. . .

Our next Union Meeting will be held with East Point Church, Johnson county, Ky., to commence on Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1936, and the two following days. Elder Wm. Hall, Elder Alex Stephens and Elder B. W. Craft shall attend same.

By report of our last conference meeting, our next Association will be held with New Hope Church, Water Gap, Floyd county, Ky., commencing on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 1936 and the two following days.

By voice of present Association Elder Alex Sttphens will preach the introductory sermon at our next Association and Elder T. J. Smith will be his alternate.

Treasurer's Report

On hand	\$.45
Contributions received	25.80
Total	\$26.25

Moved to have 500 copies of Minutes printed, and Elder Alex Stephens, Clerk and Treasurer for New Hope Association, superintend the printing and distribution of same to sister churches.

Elder J. A. Hugs introduces tomorrow; Elder Frank Armes next; Elder Alonzo Wright, next.

Present minutes read and received as the work of New Hope Association of United Baptists.

We tender our thanks to Little Rock Church and the vicinity at large for the courtesy, love and kindness shown to us while in session for three days. We praise Milt Stanley, Jose Stanley, his wife, and old Uncle Garland Adams for being so good and kind to our visiting brothers and sisters.

After a short exhortation by Elder Wm. Cook, prayer by Elder R. D. Holbrook and an old-time Baptist hand-shake, we adjourned to go to the stand to be dismissed in order. Jesus said: "You are like a city set on a hill whose light can not be hid."

This done and signed by order of New Hope Association of United Baptists.

Elder B. W. Craft, Moderator

Elder A. J. Wright, Asst. Moderator

Elder Alex Stephens, Clerk

Elder T. J. Smith, Asst. Clerk

SUNDAY MORNING

A large crowd met at the Little Rock Church. Elder Wm. Cook introduced the services, after which Elder Alonzo Wright preached from Amos 3:2—"If two be agreed they can walk together." Then came Elder J. A. Hughes, who preached from St. Matthew, 24:40—"Two in the field; one taken and the other left." Elder Frank Armes then closed the services.

The above brethren were wonderfully blessed with the spirit of preaching, and the rejoicing of God's dear children went up for joy, and we hope much good will be accomplished through the Lord Jesus Christ — for he said; "Cast your bread upon the waters that it may be gathered up not many days hence."

OBITUARIES

ALPHA NELSON

Alpha Nelson was born March 18, 1873, and died June 20, 1932 aged 59 years, three months and two days. She leaves seven children and her husband to mourn her loss.

She became a member of the United Baptist, and Elder A. J. Wright baptized her and she lived in the church a faithful Christian.

HARGIS NELSON

In remembrance of a dear son of Sister Alpha and Brother Tom Nelson—Hargis Nelson, who was killed at Martin July 18, 1927, at the age of 28 years. He was not a Christian when and before he was shot, but he prayed and confessed his sins and begged God for mercy and he said that God had forgiven him and saved his soul. He leaves his widow and five small children to mourn the loss of a dear father.

JAKE MARSILLET

Brother Jake Marsillet was 65 years old when he died and had belonged to the church since he was 20 years old and he leaves three children, two sons and one daughter, to mourn the loss of a dear father. Father is not here, children, prepare to meet your God in peace that you may be with father in the resting place of God. Written by a brother in Christ,

Elder A. J. Wright

LUCY JANE PORTER

Sister Lucy Jane Porter was born in the year 1883, and was aged 53 years at death. She was the daughter of Duck Crist and Merica Crisp. Sister Lucy was married to Elijah Porter. She came to the United Baptist Church and was baptized by them and was a member of the Sugar Loaf Church 10 or 11 years.

RALEIGH C. PRATER

Raleigh C. Prater, born Dec. 16, 1932, died Dec. 6, 1934, making his stay here on earth, one year, 11 months, 21 days. He leaves to mourn his loss his father and mother, one brother and two sisters.

MONIA BLAIR

Born Oct. 14, 1897, died July 19, 1935, aged 37 years, nine months and four days. She was united in matrimony to Brother Bruce Blaire, March 18, 1914, and to this union were born three sons who are left to mourn the loss of a loving, Christian mother. She joined the United Baptist Church four years ago and was baptized by Rev. B. W. Craft.

JAMES MONROE VENTERS

James Monroe Venters was born in Wise county, Va., Feb. 5, 1864, and departed this life June 18, 1935, aged 71 years, four months and 13 days. He was married to Mollie Frances Ratliff April 2, 1885, and to this union were born seven boys and five girls. Seven of the children preceded him in death.

His first wife died in the year of 1915 and in 1916 he was married to Bessie Thornsburry Adkins. She survives him with five of his children and his step-children.

Brother Venters united with the United Baptist Church on June 11, 1932, having

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Names of Churches	Names of Delegates
Sweet Home . . .	Bro. Charley Ousley, Elder Alex Stephens, Elder Leander Miller...
Sugar Loaf . . .	Bro. Jim McSerley, Elder Lon Childers, Elder A. J. Wright
Little Union . . .	Bro. Ernest Ward, Elder T. J. Smith, Elder F. F. Smith
New Hope	Bro. Richard Wills, Elder B. V. Craft, Elder Wm. Hall
East Point	Bro. Jack Baldridge, Bro. G. V. Price, Elder J. D. Music
Chestnut Grove .	Bro. Wash Miller, Bro. Green Holbrook, Bro. Milt Holbrook
Little Rock	Bro. James Short, Elder R. D. Holbrook, Elder Harris Hackworth
Prestonsburg . .	Elder Frank McGuire, Elder A. Stephens

Association of United Baptists, 1935

	By Baptism	By Letter	Restored	Dismissed	Excluded	Died	Total	Meeting Time	Time of Feet Washing
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...	10		1		1	3	76	1st Sat.	1st Sun., Aug.
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...	6				1	1	34	2nd Sat.	2nd Sun., Aug.
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...	3		1		1	1	142	4th Sat.	4th Sun. July
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...	2				10	1	82	2nd Sat.	2nd Sun., July
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...	3			2	1	3	93	4th Sat.	4th Sun., July

his fellowship with the Prestonsburg Church in the New Hope Association. He lived a faithful and devoted Christian life until the Lord called him.

JANE HOLBROOK

In sadness of heart and gladness of spirit I will try to write a sketch of the life of Sister Jane Holbrook, wife of Handy Holbrook, and a daughter of old Brother Abraham Miller. She was born Sept. 17, 1873, and departed this life Dec. 8, 1934. She leaves two sons and five daughters to mourn her loss. She joined the United Baptist Church Aug. 8, 1918, and lived a true member until the end.

N. P. Holbrook

ELLEN MARSILLET

Ellen Marsillet was born in 1867, and died July 13, 1935, aged about 68. She was married to Leonard Marsillet about 40 years ago, joined the United Baptist Church about 35 years ago, and lived a faithful member until death.

Unto this union were born six children, three of whom died in infancy. She leaves her husband and three children to mourn her loss.

MARY T. SMITH

It is with a sad heart that we try to write a short obituary of Mary T. Smith

and Charley Smith, her husband, who have departed this life, leaving a host of children, grandchildren and great grandchildren to mourn their loss. They were married about the year 1879, their membership was together in the Prestonsburg Church of the United Baptist when they departed this life, and together with their children they leave to mourn their loss their brothers and sisters in the Lord.

A memorial meeting for them will be held at the Chaffins graveyard, at Garrett, Ky., in July the Saturday and Sunday 1936.

Elders T. J. and F. F. Smith

PREAMBLE AND CONSTITUTION

From a long series of experiences, we, the churches of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon our profession of faith in Jesus Christ, are convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches, in order to perpetuate a union and communion among us, and preserve, maintain and keep the rules and orders of an association, according to the following plan or form of government.

Art. 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches, and duly sent to represent in the Association, who shall be members whom

they think best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats.

Art. 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their full fellowship, their baptized, restored, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated and dead, since the last Association.

Art. 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any clerical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on the internal rights of any church in the union.

Art. 4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a proper decorum.

Art. 5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of members present.

Art. 6. New churches shall be admitted into our union, who shall petition by letter and delegate, and if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

Art. 8. Every query presented by any

church to the Association, being first debated in their own church, shall be taken up by the Association.

Art. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall be taken up by the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of the Association.

Art. 11. The churches shall send money by the delegates of each church to pay for printing the minutes of the Association.

Art. 12. There shall be a record book kept wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by a Secretary appointed for that purpose.

Art. 13. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the Association rises.

Art. 14. Amendments to this form or plan of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union when they deem it necessary.

Art. 15. All matters coming before the Association shall be decided by the will of the majority, except receiving new churches and corresponding with other Associations, which shall be done by an unanimous vote.

Art. 16. The Association shall have power: 1. To provide for the general union of the churches; 2. To preserve inviolably a chain of communication among the churches; 3. To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; 4. To inquire into the cause why the churches fail at any time to represent themselves at the Association; 5. To appoint any member or members by and with their consent to transact any business which they may think necessary; 6. To withdraw from any church in this union who shall violate the rules of the Association or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion; 7. To admit any orderly minister of our order to a seat with us in the Association; 8. To adjourn to any future time and place most convenient to the church or union; 9. No minister shall be ordained unless forwarded by a church, and it shall require two or more Ordained Ministers to compose a presbytery for that purpose.

RULES OF DECORUM

Art. 1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

Art. 2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 3. Only one member shall speak

at the same time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

Art. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech, except by the Moderator, till he is done speaking, and shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who has spoken before him or make any remarks on his slips and failures and imperfections, but shall verily state the cause and matter as nearly as he can, so as to convey his light and idea.

Art. 5. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without off or absent himself from the Association

Art. 6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

Art. 7. No member of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of same, nor whisper in time of public speech.

Art. 8. No member of the Association shall address another by any title or appellation other than that of brother.

Art. 9. The Moderator shall not interrupt a member till he gives his idea upon the subject, except he breaks the rules of decorum.

Art. 10. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the

clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

Art. 11. The Moderator shall have the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but shall have no voice unless the Association be evenly divided.

Art. 12. Any member who shall wilfully and knowingly break any of the rules shall be reprov'd by the Association as it may think proper.

Art. 13. But three members shall take a seat in the Association from each church.

Art. 14. The rules of decorum shall be read by the clerk at the commencement of every association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

We, the churches of Jesus Christ of United Baptists are constituted of the following faith, viz.:

Art. 1. We believe in only one true and living God, the Creator of the heaven and earth and all things therein contained.

Art. 2. We believe in Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, who is Head and King of His church.

Art. 3. We believe in the Holy Ghost, the Sealer and Applier of the redemption purchased by Christ.

Art. 4. We believe in the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are One.

Art. 5. We believe in the scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the infallible word of God, take it for our only rule of faith and practice, and nothing is to be added or taken from it.

Art. 6. We believe in the free atonement of Jesus Christ and that He tasted death for every man and woman upon the terms of the gospel.

Art. 7. We believe that repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are necessary previous to baptism and that immersion is the only right way to administer the ordinance.

Art. 8. We believe that Christ has but one true gospel church and that it will finally persevere through grace to glory.

Art. 9. We believe in the communion of the Lord's Supper, that is, the taking of the bread and wine by the church of Jesus Christ in commemoration of the death and suffering of the Son of God until His second coming.

Art. 10. We believe that feet washing is an ordinance of Jesus Christ and ought to be observed and kept up by His church until His second coming.

Art. 11. We believe in the sum of the moral law as it stands on record in the Book of Exodus.

Art. 12. We believe that Jesus Christ

is the first resurrection from the dead and that He lives forever.

Art. 13. We believe in the resurrection of the just and unjust.

Art. 14. We believe in the final punishment of the wicked and the eternal happiness of the righteous.

NAMES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS AND POSTOFFICE ADDRESSES

Elder B. W. Craft.....	Weeter, Ky
Elder Wm. Hall.....	Water Gap, Ky
Elder Elliott Webb.....	Auxier, Ky
Elder T. J. Smith.....	Emma, Ky
Elder R. D. Holbrook.....	Myrtle, Ky
Elder Alex Stephens.....	Dock, Ky
Elder A. B. Dixon.....	Dock, Ky
Elder Andy Stephens.....	Weeter, Ky
Elder Lon Childers.....	Emma, Ky
Elder A. J. Wright.....	Emma, Ky
Elder Frank McGuire.....	Weeter, Ky
Elder Harris Hackworth, Mid. Creek,	Ky
Elder F. F. Smith.....	Garrett, Ky
Elder John D. Music.....	East Point, Ky
Elder Paris Music.....	Auxier, Ky
Elder S. J. Johnson.....	Auxier, Ky
Elder W. K. Bays.....	Brainard, Ky

